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Applicant(s): Landherr et al.
Appl. No.: 10/061,835
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING AND DISCONNECTING
FLEXIBLE TUBING
Art Unit: 1733
Examiner: John T. Haran
Docket No.: DI-5771 (112713-115)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS
SUBMITTED JUNE 20, 2002 AND JANUARY 21, 2003**

Sir:

This first supplement to our information disclosure statements submitted June 20, 2002 and January 21, 2003 addresses objections raised in the Office Action dated January 15, 2004 concerning the information disclosure statements submitted in this case. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that the information disclosure statements ("IDS") received on June 26, 2002 and February 4, 2003 were considered but certain portions of the statements were deemed to be incomplete. Attached to this response is a copy of each of the information disclosure statements as filed. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that items C5-C15 on the IDS submitted on June 20, 2002 did not contain web site addresses of the printed web pages. Further, the Examiner noted that Applicants failed to submit a legible copy of each foreign patent with the IDS filed January 21, 2003.

Regarding items C5-C15 on the IDS submitted on June 20, 2002, Applicants have attempted to locate the specific web addresses for the printed web pages. Many of the original web sites posting the printed web pages have been updated or changed, and as such the information submitted on the printed web pages is the only record available of such information.

However, certain web sites still have the printed web pages posted. Below is a list of items C5-C15 and the corresponding web addresses where the printed pages can be found or where the information would have been found. For the printed pages where no web site address exists anymore, Applicants have indicated such. Please also find enclosed a copy of the original printed web pages as originally submitted for comparison.

Item from IDS submitted 6/26/02	Web Site Address (Comments Provided)
C5	no current web site address available
C6	www.joiningtech.com/eb.html
C7	no current web site address available
C8	www.liburdi.com (address to specific printed web page is currently unavailable)
C9	www.mpwaaustralia.com (address to specific printed web page is currently unavailable)
C10	www.freseniushc.com/product/bloodbanking.html (page has been updated)
C11	www.imclaser.com (can not currently access this web site)
C12	www.joiningtech.com (address to specific printed web page is currently unavailable)
C13	www.electrox.com (address to specific printed web page is currently unavailable)
C14	www.twi.co.uk/j32k/unprotected/band_1/tfindex.html (address to specific printed web page is currently unavailable)
C15	www.joiningtech.com/laser.html

Regarding the IDS submitted January 21, 2003, please find enclosed a copy of each foreign reference that Applicants have been able to locate to date. Of the references, Applicants have been unable to locate a copy of and are still searching for four patents: FR1471450; JP72044977; JP 46042639; and JP 75016826. In addition, two references have been ordered but have not yet been received by Applicants to date: CN 1052131 and BR 9705844. Applicants will provide copies of the six references noted above in a second supplement as soon as

Applicants receive or are able to locate a copy of such. Applicants have included with this response a copy of all the other references from the IDS submitted on January 21, 2003.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this supplement, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the attorney undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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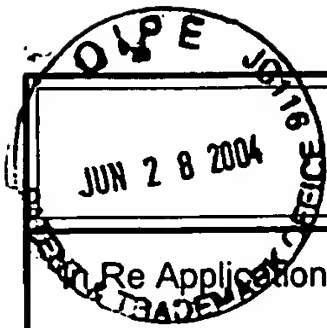
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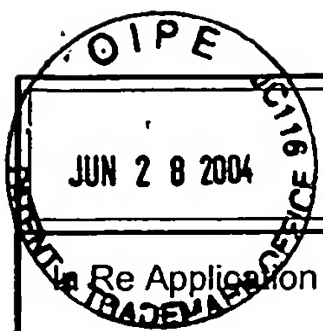
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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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Transmittal of Information Disclosure Statement (Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c)); Information Disclosure Statement (5 Pages); PTO Form 1449 (5 Pages); Cited References (104 references); and Return Receipt Postcard.

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37 CFR 1.97(b)

1. ☒ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

37 CFR 1.97(c)

2. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

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Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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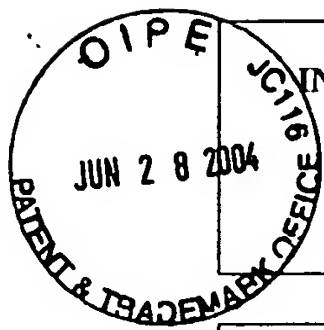
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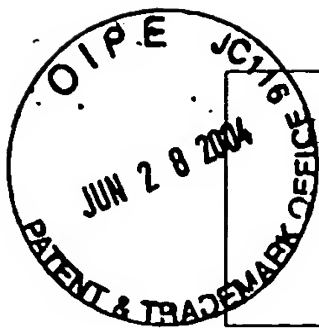
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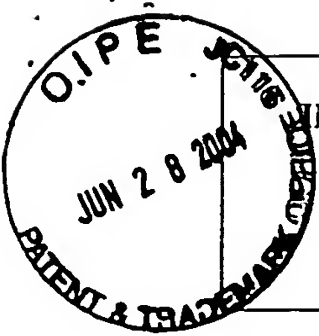
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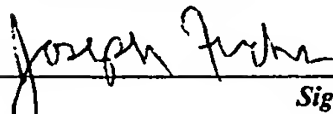
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached form PTO-1449 that may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration. No inference should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation of the prior art; that any or all are pertinent to the invention; or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited on the attached PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

Applicants do not believe any fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to change any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-1818. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

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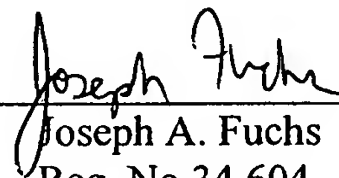
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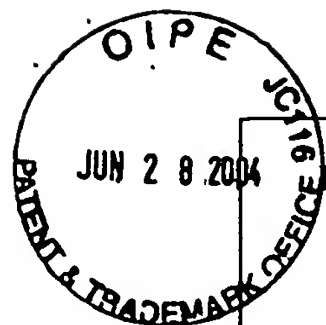
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